



# Seattle City Council

Friday, November 12, 2010

Leonard Garfield, Executive Director  
Maggie Walker, Co-Chairperson, Board of Trustees  
Special Counsel, Gerry Johnson  
Museum of History and Industry  
2700 24th Avenue East  
Seattle, WA 98112

Dear Mr. Garfield, Ms. Walker and Mr. Johnson:


Seattle City Councilmembers sincerely thank MOHAI for working with us in meeting the immediate needs that our residents face during this recession. Thanks to your willingness to restructure the revenue flow from the State to the City for the impending loss of MOHAI's site at McCurdy Park due to highway 520's replacement, the City was able to receive a one-time infusion of \$8.5 million to help meet its dire needs in human services, community resources and public safety.

MOHAI's money will fund over 80% of the Council's expenditures that went beyond the Mayor's proposed 2011-2012 budget. With your assistance we were able to, among other things:

- Restore \$875,000 for critical human services while adding \$300,000 in new funding to increase shelter access and serve the survivors of domestic violence
- Restore \$1.6 million for the Department of Neighborhoods and its Neighborhood Matching Fund
- Restore \$440,000 for Library maintenance & capital projects
- Restore \$292,000 for three crime victims advocate positions
- Double the Mayor's proposed community center drop-in hours

MOHAI has demonstrated that by working together we can make Seattle a stronger more caring community. And in that process, we have both reaffirmed our commitment to seeing MOHAI rejuvenate the Armory and transform South Lake Union Park into another jewel in our array of public spaces to be enjoyed by all.

  
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